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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Yoshiaki Takahashi et al.
Filed : March 30, 2001
Title : FRICTION-REDUCING SHIP AND METHOD FOR REDUCING
FRICTIONAL RESISTANCE

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AMENDMENT "C" AFTER FINAL UNDER RULE 1.116

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 15, 2004 (Paper No. 13).

The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on April 15, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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